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Scholarship to Harijan students.

* 341 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have decided to stop the granting of any fresh scholarships to the Harijan students this year;

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor;

(*c*) whether any representations were made by the Harijan Members of the Legislative Assembly to the Hon. Minister that many students would discontinue their studies, if they are not granted scholarships this year; and

(*d*) if so, whether any action has been taken by the Government in this regard?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" (*a*) & (*b*) No.

" (*c*) Yes.

" (*d*) The Government have since increased the budget allotment for the grant of scholarships for the eligible communities from Rs. 9,30,400 to Rs. 11,30,400, i.e., by Rs. 2 lakhs."

SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO:—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state what was done to the other resolution passed by the members of the Association regarding the grants to be given and also regarding recognition of the hostels? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" This particular question is with regard to scholarships; but the hon. Member is asking a question about grants."

SRI G. SIVASANKARA REDDI:—" In view of the fact that these scholarships to Harijan students are inadequate, will the Government consider the question of increasing the provision sufficiently? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" Hon. Members know that there is an increase in the present Budget, and a further increase will be attempted."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM:—" In view of the fact that Harijan students are granted scholarships not only by the State Government but also by the Central Government and in view of the fact that the State Government in order to safeguard their financial position, insist upon Harijan students to utilize only the scholarships granted by the Central Government, and also in view of the fact that in most cases the grants given by the Central Government are invariably less than the grants given by the Provincial Government and students are put at a disadvantage and have to lose the difference in the amount of the two grants, will the Government consider it desirable to give at least the difference between the two grants to the poor Harijans so as to help them to prosecute their studies? "

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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" The recipient in each case is given the option to choose whichever grant is higher."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR:—" May I know whether all students fall under the category of fresh scholarships, whether a student who has already been granted scholarship and who has completed the course of the study in a school and gone to continue it in another institution, wil be granted a fresh scholarship? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" He will have to apply afresh."

SRI R. KRISHNAN:—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state how many scholarships were given this year to the Harijan students in the primary, secondary and college courses, and how many were given in the previous year? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" I require notice."

SRI C. SUBBARAYUDU:—" Sir, will the Government consider the question of granting all these fresh scholarships for famine-affected areas of the State at least? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" In awarding the scholarships, preference is given to famine-stricken areas."

SRI C. V. K. RAO:—" Will the Hon. Minister tell us the minimum amount of money that is granted for scholarship for each student and the maximum for each student? "

MR. SPEAKER:—" Does the hon. Member want that information for each class? "

SRI C. V. K. RAO:—" No: I want to know the minimum amount that is given to each student according to the scheme."

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" The amount varies with the course of the study. I require notice to give full details."

SRI G. JOSEPH:—" ఈ సంవత్సరం ఆంధ్రదేశంలో ఉన్న కాలేజీలలోని హరిజన విద్యార్థులు scholarships కై దరఖాస్తులు పంపుకొనినప్పటికి ప్రభుత్వంవారు scholarships మంజూరు చేయలేదు. ఇందువల్ల విద్యార్థులు చాలా ఆందోళన చెందుతున్నారు. వెంటనే scholarships గ్రాంటుచేసే విషయంగురించి ప్రభుత్వము ఏం చెయ్యబోతోందో తెలియజేస్తారా ? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" The awarding of scholarships is subject to Budget provision and they are awarded on the basis of merit."

SRI G. NAGESWARA RAO:—" అధ్యక్షా, 1952-53 సంవత్సరాలలో ఆంధ్రదేశంలో ఉన్న కాలేజీలలో చదువుకొంటున్న హరిజన విద్యార్థులకు కొత్త scholarships ఇవ్వకుండా ఆ మొత్తాన్ని తమిళ జిల్లాలలోని హరిజన విద్యార్థుల కొరకు ఖర్చుపెట్టడము నిజమేనా ? ఆంధ్ర హరిజన విద్యార్థులు అనేక బాధలు పడుతూ ప్రభుత్వానికి విజ్ఞప్తులు చేసుకోలేదా ? "

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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" The presumption of the hon. Member is not correct. The fact is that the demand in the country is far in excess of the Budget provision."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM:—" The Minister was pleased to tell us that the student is given the option to choose either of the two scholarships granted. Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that a Government Order was sent to the College principals, for instance, to the Principal of the Indian Medical College, that students should be asked to accept only the scholarship granted by the Central Government and so they are forced to reject the scholarship granted by the State Government? Is it not disadvantageous to the students concerned? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" Probably the students had accepted the Government of India scholarships and therefore they could not continue to enjoy the State scholarships. I shall go into this question."

SRI E. T. KUNHAN:—" മലബാറിലെ ഹരിജൻ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് 1952-53 ക്കുടിട്ടുള്ള scholarship കിട്ടിട്ടില്ല. അതു കൊടുക്കുവാൻ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ട് ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ, സാർ ?"

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN:—" I shall translate it. He asks: The Harijan students from Malabar did not receive their scholarships for the year 1952–53. Will the Government be pleased to see that they are given the scholarships? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" I do not know what the hon. Member means. Does he mean that no applicant from Malabar received any scholarship? "

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN:—" Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that this year the Government have not granted any scholarship to Harijan women students to enable them to undertake their midwifery courses; and in view of that, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to tell us whether he will be in a position to grant them these scholarships? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" I require notice for that, but the fact is that the Government have since increased the Budget allotment for the grant of scholarships by Rs. 2 lakhs more."

Price of yarn.

* 343 *Q.*—SRI C. SUBBARAYUDU (on behalf of Sri Pragada Kotaiah): Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to place on the table of this House, the formula adopted for fixing yarn prices ?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" Fixation of yarn prices is attended to by the Textile Commissioner, Bombay and this Government are not in a position to place the formula adopted by the Textile Commissioner for the purpose, on the table of the House."